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The Bible and daily living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

JESUS; MINISTER OF JOY AND SORROW
Lesson for January 13, 1980
Scripture References: John 11:1-44
Focal Passages: John 11:20-32; 39-40
Jesus, come quickly! [Jn 11:1-22]

Last Sunday we studied a moving account of how Jesus "saved the day" at a wedding celebration. This week we move from the festivity of a wedding to the agony and sorrow of death. Such a shift in focus dramatizes the fact that Jesus entered the human drama at every level and ministered to the needs of people.

Jesus himself has said, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister..." This was and is the nature of Jesus, to respond to our critical needs. When Jesus is invited to share in our experiences, regardless of their nature, things seem to work out in time for our benefit.

We look now at still another miracle of Jesus that points to the power and authority of the Kingdom of God. At a place called Bethany he confronts the horror and tragedy of death.

At first Jesus received the urgent message to come as quickly as possible to prevent the death of his good friend, Lazarus. But Jesus' initial response is to prolong his journey for reasons of his own. The fact that Jesus did not go at once does not imply lack of feeling or caring on his part. Jesus always acted with intention. There is an important lesson in this narrative for all pilgrims, namely, that God will act according to his schedule rather than our's. God see even the Lord's grief over the death of his good friend. We might think it strange that he who held the keys of life should weep for a dead friend. But we must remember that Jesus was powerless to act apart from his Heavenly Father, and that Jesus was a man with human emotions.

When Jesus arrived on the scene he was confronted by the grief and concern of Martha and Mary. And in his usual manner, Jesus sought to respond to the immediate needs of the mourners.

Jesus was a very sensitive individual. He was always aware of both inner and out struggles that people lived with, and he cared deeply for those who hurt.

When family and friends huddle together at a funeral parlor or at a graveside, there exists a critical need for comfort and support. It is a time when all defenses are broken down and the open wounds of loss are most painful. It is at such times that the ministry of presence can be most helpful. A warm caring hand on a drooping shoulder can instill a sense of comfort. Just our mere presence can say more than a thousand words could ever say in the time of death.

Jesus used both words and presence to minister to Mary and Martha. He raised their hope and their confidence in him when he began speaking of resurrection. What an important and hopeful word! The idea that the grave is the final stopping place for us is frightening. But thanks to God we know that life in another dimension exists for all of God's children. That's comforting!

Notice the responses of Mary and Martha, "Lord, if only you had been here." Their grief was such that they were looking for someone to deliver them from their agony. And Jesus did just that.

How often we have expressed the same request as did Mary and Martha. We ponder, "If only God had stepped in and prevented this tragedy in my life." What we may learn from our struggles is that God will not always intervene and prevent the causes of sorrow, but he will provide us with relief and comfort.

The Miracle of Life [Jn. 11:33-44]

Jesus enjoyed a deep relationship to Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He had a lot of emotional investment in them, and they in him. Again, in the closing verses of Chapter 11 we

The pastor speaks

How to be happy in 1980

We say to people, "Have a happy New Year." How can you have a happy New Year? What will make it happy? Let us think of four things to emphasize in making this year happy.

First, we are to keep a clear conscience, doing what we know is right. Paul instructed Timothy, "Keep a clear conscience, doing what you know is right." 1 Timothy 1:19. The conscience is to be educated by means of Bible study. The conscience is taught a sense of right and wrong through study of scripture.

Second, we are to be spiritually minded. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Romans 8:6. The carnal mind is in enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God. The carnal mind belongs to the flesh, it is fleshly, or sensual.

Third, we are to have worthy goals and purposes for the New Year. True happiness consists in doing the will of God. That should be our ambition for the New Year. Wherever you are: in the shop, school or the home, say I will carry out God's will for my life.

Fourth, we are to let Jesus be the master of our lives in this New Year. He is our Saviour and Lord. Is He your Saviour? Have you accepted him as your Saviour? Make Him the Lord of your life in 1980.

Rev. G. Edward Hughes, Pastor
Red Oak Baptist Church

Legion expresses opinion

Editor's note: the following resolution was submitted by the local American Legion, and outlines that organization's stance on the proposed strategic arms limitation treaty.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Strategic Arms Limitations Treaty II represents an undertaking without parallel in history and that the United States and the Soviet Union have military power unmatched in destructive ability and that the Salt II Treaty effects not only the United States and the Soviet Union, but the world at large, and

WHEREAS, extensive testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee indicate there are approximately as many experts opposing the Treaty as favoring it, all of which could indicate the Treaty as written would not be in the best interest of the United States, and

WHEREAS, each Nation under the Treaty is allowed 2250 delivery vehicles capable of reaching targets in each country with nuclear bombs. Reportedly, the Soviets are permitted approximately a three to one advantage in a Mega-ton nuclear capacity, and although America is required to count its antiquated B-52 bombers as part of its arsenal and the Soviets are not required to count any of their Backfire bombers of which they are expected to have 400 by 1985, and are capable of reaching targets in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the President admits that the Soviets cannot be trusted and the history of the Communist party in the last 62 years bear this out and in that verification of all aspects of this Treaty are absolutely necessary and under the present circumstances, it appears that we do not have the capability under the terms of the Treaty to achieve necessary verification, and

WHEREAS, it is the joint responsibility of the President and the Senate under the Constitution to sign and ratify all international treaties, and since the President has signed the Treaty, the final responsibilities for ratification lies with the Senate. Be it therefore,

RESOLVED by American Legion Post 104, Appomattox, Virginia, this 26th day of November, 1979, to urge the Honorable Harry F. Byrd and the Honorable John W. Warner, representatives in the Senate of the United States to oppose ratifications of the Salt II Treaty in its present form and not to ratify same unless the Treaty has been amended, giving the United States equal powers and privileges as are accorded the Soviets. And furthermore, that a copy of this Resolution be ome a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy be mailed to the Tenth District Commander, the Western Zone Commander, The American Legion Department of Virginia and the newspaper, The Times-Virginian.

Ivey Holland, Post Commander
Michael C. Weiss, Post Adjutant

Canaan Baptist slates services

The regular preaching service will be held Sunday (Jan. 13) starting at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. C. L. Elliott will be pastor in charge.

On the fourth Sunday of the month (Jan. 27) the regular preaching service will be held, starting at 3 p.m. The Rev. C. L. Elliott will be in charge. The 3 p.m. services will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month throughout 1980.

All friends and co-workers of the church are invited to attend and worship.

Tomlin named to dean's list

In last week's story about local students who made the dean's list at James Madison University, one name was inadvertantly omitted.

Robin Tomlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Tomlin of Route 1, Spout Spring was named to the Madison dean's list.

In order to make dean's list, a student must have a grade point average of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale, and carry a course load of at least 14 hours.

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HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

New 4-H members are always welcome to participate in judging team practice sessions. Scheduled practice sessions in January include: Soil Judging—January 23 and 29 after school at SCS Office; Meat Judging—January 10, January 17 and January 31 after school in Extension Office. A new judging program will begin on January 30 at 3:30 P.M. in Extension Office as 4-H'ers interested in learning about egg grading will meet.

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As we enter the "snow season" remember that if schools are cancelled due to bad weather, 4-H programs after school and at night are also cancelled. Please call the Extension Office (352-8244) if you have questions.

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Senior members' 4-H Achievement Records are due January 21 in the Extension Office. We have some record covers and special paper that may be used when whorking on the records.

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Wayne Waycaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Waycaster, had the top 4-H Wildlife Feed Patch in 1979. Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who planted the patches to help wildlife conservation efforts. Special awards to the top five individuals will be made during the 4-H Awards Banquet on January 21.

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4-H Pine Seedlings order should be turned in to the Extension Office by February 1, 1980. Please make sure that parents have signed the pine seedling orders at the bottom. If parents have not signed, forms will be returned. This program is sponsored by the Virginia Division of Forestry.

Hollywood

JAN. 7-Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. 1 Corinthians (15:58.)

We had the first big snow of 1980 Friday. There were no services at Hollywood Church Sunday due to the deep snow.

Our special thanks to Mr. Dave Austin, Franklins, Wingfields and Woodalls for their kindness in getting us from under the deep weekend snow.

It was with much regret when we learned Mr. Lloyd Vaughan and family had sold the Times-Virginian to the Atlantic Publications Inc. We welcome Mr. Bill Sherrod as the new editor and general manager of the Times-Virginian and we are looking forward to a long and happy association with him and all his staff.

Mrs. Mary Bagby received word Sunday night of the death of Mr. Coleman Coghill of Richmond. Mr. Coghill was a first cousin of Mrs. Bagby's late husband, Charlie Bagby. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with each of his love ones.

We were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mrs. Anna Ferguson Harris and the death Saturday of Mr. Robert Amond. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with each of their love ones.

Mrs. Sam Powell and Mrs. Grace Snow of Halifax visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr. last week.

We are very sorry to hear Mr. Robert Coleman has the flu. We pray he may soon be feeling much better. Visitors of and Mrs. Coleman were Rev. Marvin Jacobs and friend of Roanoke, Rev. Clarence Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Turns, Mrs W. T. Covington, Mrs. Edna Woodson, Mr. Bobby Smith and Miss Teresa Cyrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Inge spent the weekend with Mrs. Billy Inge. The W. H. Wingfields visited in this home Saturday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb were Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mrs. Scott Sheets, Mr. Walker Webb, Mr. Richard Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Webb.

We are very sorry to hear Mr. Charles Hanenkrat of Richmond is a patient in a hospital there. We wish for him a very speedy recovery.

We are very sorry to hear Mr. David Smith is on the sick list. We pray he may soon be well again and back at church with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family were luncheon guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family. We hope Mrs. Watson may soon be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner visited Mrs. Mary Bagby Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Miss Julia Wingfield and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson, Williams and April Watson were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Monday, New Year's Eve night to watch the old year out and the New Year 1980 in.

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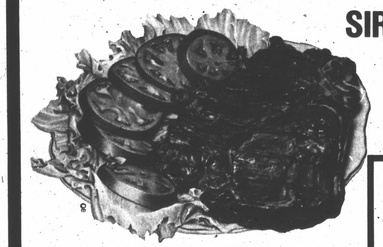

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